

## CHARLIE CRIST GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives established the third week in October as National Teen Driver Safety Week; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to more than 800,000 teen drivers; and

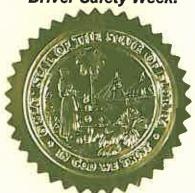
WHEREAS, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers both in the State of Florida and nationally; and

WHEREAS, teen drivers had the highest crash rate of any age group in Florida last year when more than 32,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes; and

WHEREAS, last year, 383 people in the State of Florida were killed in an accident where a teen was driving and Teen Driver Safety Week will bring attention to the development of programs, such as the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' *Drive with CARE* program, to help reduce the number of teen crashes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida also recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 18-24, 2009 as *National Teen Driver Safety Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand nine.

Governor Governor